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ABSTRACT

This book is intended to help teachers and librarians introduce elementary school students to the concepts and aesthetics of art appreciation using some of the best picture books available. The book analyzes the artwork of more than 50 award-winning picture books from cover to cover, and shows teachers and librarians how to discuss the art of each book with students. The book's first two chapters describe the physical elements of a picture book, including art media used and design techniques, and how these elements are, in themselves, art. Chapter 3 examines 12 books for preschool through kindergarten; chapter 4 analyzes artwork in 14 books for kindergarten through second grade; and chapter 5 studies 21 books for grades 2 through 4. Many of the analyses in these chapters include art and comparison activities for students, and each chapter is followed by a bibliography of sources. Three appendixes cover other cultures in recent picture books, picture books for experienced evaluators, and additional resources for looking and learning. (SR)

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